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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: MODE - APHIS MEDITERRIAN FRUIT FLY PROGRAM

REFS: STATE 272066, GUATEMALA 7591

1. INTERAGENCY DISCUSSIONS HERE TODAY PRODUCED AGREEMENT TO
PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

A. EMBASSY GUATEMALA SHOULD SUBMIT MOU TO GOG FOR SIGNA-
TURE, WITH EXPLANATION THAT USG MAY DESIRE TO ASSIGN TDY
AMERICAN EXPERTS SOON FOR PURPOSES OUTLINED GUATEMALA 7591

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(NOTAL) AND TO IMPLEMENT PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO BE JOINTLY

AGREED.

B. IN APPROACHING GOG EMBASSY SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT PROBLEM OF USG PERMANENT LONG-TERM RESOURCES IS NOT YET RESOLVED. HOWEVER, WASHINGTON ACTION WILL CONTINUE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE BOTH ON USDA SUPPLEMENTAL FY 77 BUDGET REQUEST AND ON PERMANENT MODE CEILING SPACES.

2. FYI. CONTRARY TO EMBASSY VIEW EXPRESSED PARA 2 GUATEMALA 7591, APHIS/WASHINGTON HOLDS THAT SIGNATURE OF THE MOU SHOULD PRECEDE FORMAL ACTIONS TOWARD ASSIGNING TDY PERSONNEL. IN THEIR VIEW, HOWEVER, MOU DOES NOT PREJUDGE DETAILS RE APPLYING USG RESOURCES. END FYI.

3. THIS CONSTITUTES AUTHORIZATION FOR EMBASSY TO PROCEED AS OUTLINED IN PARA ONE ABOVE. UNDERSTAND APHIS REGIONAL DIRECTOR CAVIN AND SENOR ORTEGA, DIRECTOR GENERAL SANIDAD VEGETAL, MEXICO S.A.G., PLAN TO BE IN GUATEMALA MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15. THEY COULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN SECURING GOG SIGNATURE OF MOU. KISSINGER

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